

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A variable optical attenuator ~~that attenuates light injected from an optical transmission channel for input and outputs the light into an optical transmission channel for output and that can able to adjust optical attenuation, wherein comprising:~~  
~~the a first optical transmission channel; for input,~~  
~~the a second optical transmission channel; for output,~~  
~~at least one light reflection surface; and surfaces that reflect light emitted from the optical transmission channel for input to the optical transmission channel for output, and~~  
~~an actuator, wherein that moves all or part of the light reflection surfaces relatively and straightly to at least one of the optical transmission channel for input or the optical transmission channel for output~~  
~~the at least one light reflection surface reflects light emitted from the first optical transmission channel into the second transmission channel, and~~  
~~the actuator moves at least a part of the at least one light reflection surface linearly along a direction orthogonal to a light axis of the light emitted from the first optical transmission channel, relative to at least one of the first optical transmission channel and the second optical transmission channel.~~
2. (Currently Amended) ~~The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1 characterized in that A variable optical attenuator that attenuates light injected from an optical transmission channel for input and outputs the light into an optical transmission channel for output and that can adjust optical attenuation, wherein~~

the optical transmission channel for input, the optical transmission channel for output,  
light reflection surfaces that reflect light emitted from the optical transmission  
channel for input to the optical transmission channel for output, and an actuator that  
moves all or part of the light reflection surfaces relatively and straightly to at least  
one of the optical transmission channel for input or the optical transmission channel  
for output, and

the actuator moves straightly one of at least part of the light reflection surfaces, and any  
one of the optical transmission channel for input and the optical transmission channel  
for output such that an optical axis of the light reflected to the optical transmission  
channel for emission is displaced with respect to an axis center of the optical  
transmission channel for emission.

3. (Currently Amended) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1, which has A  
variable optical attenuator that attenuates light injected from an optical transmission channel  
for input and outputs the light into an optical transmission channel for output and that can  
adjust optical attenuation, wherein

the optical transmission channel for input, the optical transmission channel for output,  
light reflection surfaces that reflect light emitted from the optical transmission  
channel for input to the optical transmission channel for output, and an actuator that  
moves all or part of the light reflection surfaces relatively and straightly to at least  
one of the optical transmission channel for input or the optical transmission channel  
for output, and further comprising:

a monitor part that receives light which is emitted from the transmission channel for input but not injected into the optical transmission channel for output.

4. (Original) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 3, wherein an injection lens disposed oppositely to a light injection surface of the optical transmission channel for output and a monitor lens disposed oppositely to a light injection surface of the monitor part are unified.
5. (Original) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 3, which has a function of correcting a position of the light reflection surfaces depending on output from the monitor part.
6. (Original) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a voice coil motor and a latch mechanism.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1, which has A variable optical attenuator that attenuates light injected from an optical transmission channel for input and outputs the light into an optical transmission channel for output and that can adjust optical attenuation, wherein~~  
the optical transmission channel for input, the optical transmission channel for output, light reflection surfaces that reflect light emitted from the optical transmission channel for input to the optical transmission channel for output, and an actuator that moves all or part of the light reflection surfaces relatively and straightly to at least one of the optical transmission channel for input or the optical transmission channel for output, and further comprising:

a mirror member having the light reflection surfaces that are two surfaces making an angle of 90 degrees, and the actuator that straightly moves the mirror member.

8. (Currently Amended) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1, ~~which has further comprising~~ a fiber array that holds the first optical transmission channel ~~for input~~ and the second optical transmission channel ~~for output~~ arranged parallel to each other.
9. (Currently Amended) The variable optical attenuator according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the at least one light reflection surface[[s]] ~~are~~ is formed from a boundary face between transparent media having different refractive indicia and perfectly reflects light.